

**LAOS**  
**ANTI-NARCOTICS LAW**

Kingdom of Laos  
National Assembly

Law

No. 71/5 dated August 10, 1971, pertaining to prohibition from cultivation, flavoring, smoking or taking, purchase, sale and having in possession of opium or opium compound or opium tailing, including morphine and heroin, in the Kingdom of Laos.

The National Assembly has deliberated on and adopted a draft law pertaining to the prohibition from cultivation, flavoring, smoking or taking, purchase, sale and having in possession of opium or opium compound or opium tailing, including morphine and heroin, in the Kingdom of Laos, the provisions of which are the following:

Article 1: Absolute prohibition is imposed on the cultivation of opium poppy throughout the Kingdom of Laos.

On a temporary basis, however, members of the tribes whose native villages are located in the mountains and jungles where, for generations heretofore, opium poppy has been cultivated, and those who have been authorized to grow opium poppy may carry on this cultivation or smoke the opium grown and produced by themselves.

Authorization to grow opium poppy or to smoke opium thus produced shall be issued by the Chao Khoueng to individuals whose age is over 40 years, effective upon the promulgation of this Law.

The Provincial Advisory Committee, under the chairmanship of the Chao Khoueng, and the representatives of the Ministries of Public Health, of National Education and of Finance shall fix the amount of land for the cultivation of opium poppy in favor of the applicant as appropriate.

Article 2: Flavoring, possession, taking or smoking of opium and transportation of opium or opium compound or opium tailing, including morphine and heroin, in the Kingdom of Laos are absolutely prohibited.

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Purchase and sale of opium or opium compound, including morphine and heroin, are prohibited to the general public and to those who have been issued special authorization to grow opium poppy and to store or use opium produced by themselves.

Article 3: Since the medicine which is mixed or flavored with opium for the purpose of treating disease and prepared for commercial purposes in whatever form; the importation or exportation, passage in transit, storage in transit, storage in warehouse and movement of opium or opium compound, either opium tilling or opium mixture, powdered opium or remainder of opium flavoring, including morphine and heroin, are also prohibited.

Article 4: Any person who grows opium poppy or takes or smokes opium or opium compound or opium tilling or opium mixture, powdered opium or remainder of opium flavoring, including morphine and heroin, without authorization as stipulated in Article 1, or encroaches on the border of the land area specified in the certificate authorizing him to grow opium poppy duly issued to him, shall be liable to a fine from 5,000 kip to 200,000 kip and an imprisonment from three months to three years, or either of the above.

In case of recurrence of the violation, the fine shall be increased to the maximum of the penalties set forth hereabove.

Article 5:

-a) A fine from 10,000 kip to 500,000 kip and an imprisonment from six months to five years, or either of the above, shall be imposed on any persons in the following cases:

-1) Illicit preparation of certificate or permit for the cultivation of opium poppy or for the smoking of opium, or falsification of the authorization already issued by the Chao Khoueng by changing name and surname or photograph or by giving false information in the certificate of birth;

-2) Acting as accomplice in the falsification of permit or authorization as stated above;

-3) Issuance of the certificate or permit free of charge or sale of the said certificate or permit;

-4) Free transfer or cession of the certificate or permit or purchase of the said certificate or permit.

-5) Having issued or having an intention to issue more than one certificate or permit.

In case of offense as stipulated in Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 hereabove, the certificate or permit or authorization must be confiscated by the Court of Justice for disposal.

In case of recurrence of the violation, the fine shall be increased to the maximum of the penalties set forth hereabove.

-b) A fine equivalent to five times the price of the confiscated items, the assessment of price thereof being in conformity with the provisions of the Royal Decrees established in this regard, and an imprisonment with hard labor ranging from five years to 20 years shall be imposed on:

-1) Any persons who produce opium or opium compound or opium tilling of any type whatsoever or compound made of opium tilling or flavored with opium tilling, including morphine and heroin, except the cases stipulated in the provisions of Article 1 hereabove;

-2) Any persons who grant to others free of charge or with payment, transport or possess or leave or purchase or accept opium or opium compound or opium tilling of any type whatsoever or compound made of opium tilling or flavored with opium tilling, including morphine and heroin;

-3) Any persons who bring opium or opium compound or opium tilling of any type whatsoever or compound made of opium tilling or flavored with opium tilling, including morphine and heroin, into Laos, or store it in any place or move it or transport it in transit in Laos.

The Court of Justice is prohibited from granting a reduction of the penalties. The penalty to a fine shall be in conformity with the provisions set forth in Item -b) hereabove.

In case of recurrence of the violation, the Court of Justice is prohibited from granting a reduction of the penalty to an imprisonment with hard labor; the sentence therefore shall conform to the provisions set forth in Item -b) hereabove.

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Article 6: Any persons who set up an opium den shall be liable to a fine from 10,000 kip to 1,000,000 kip and an imprisonment from six months to five years, or either of the above.

In case of recurrence of the violation, the fine shall be increased to the maximum of the penalties set forth hereabove.

Article 7: The offenses with penalties therefore fixed in this Law shall be the subject of legal action in the Court of Justice by the Public Prosecutor.

In all cases shall the opium or opium derivatives or opium residue of any type or opium compound made of or flavored with opium residue, including morphine and heroin, be confiscated and destroyed. Likewise, the transportation means and containers used in this connection shall be confiscated and put on auction sale, and the proceeds obtained from such sale shall be deposited in the National Treasury, provided that it comes to light that the owner of said transportation means or containers is himself the offender or acts as an accomplice of the offender.

Opium, opium derivatives, opium residue of any type or opium compound made of or flavored with opium residue, including morphine and heroin, if found, shall be confiscated and destroyed upon request of the Public Prosecutor.

Materials and other items accessory to opium consumption found in the house of the owner of the opium or in the opium den, such as: bed, lamp, opium pipe and others, shall be confiscated and destroyed.

Article 8: All laws and regulations contrary to the present law are hereby abrogated.

It is hereby certified that this Law has been deliberated and adopted during the general meeting of the National Assembly on August 12, 1971.

Vientiane, August 12, 1971  
President of the National Assembly  
/s/ Phagna Houakhong  
(Phoni Samanikons)

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Official Order

Ministry of Defense  
RLAM HQ.

Commander of Transportation  
No 1041

SUBJECT : To subdue narcotic

REFER TO : 1075/Law, 2 dtd. 27 Oct. 1971 of Ministry of Interior.

In order to observe the law No 71/5 dtd. 10 Aug. 1971 concerning banning to plant opium, smoking, selling or buying.

According to the condition mentioned in the law indicated above, the National Army Force is to taking in part of greatly responsible to observe the policy of the government and World Organization to subdue narcotic which is being pressed to control narcotic which is greatly dangerous. So, the National Army Force has set up the following conditions :

1. The search of passengers on domestic and international flight will be submitted. Especially, for the first step, of passengers on board of AAM.
2. In order to show of unbiased, the search will be taken according to the universal rule, there will be no any exception at all. Only in case of absolutely special (The advise will be commended).
3. At the Traffic Terminal, there will be one authorized military police and one AAM officer searching passengers.

General Beonpol MAKTHEPARAK.